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THE VOICE OF CHRISTMAS #102

The Only Pirate Station Broadcasting From The North Pole!



Dear John, The **PIRATE ELF** is happy to QSL our
broadcast that came from *The North Pole* on 12/7 **1997**
at 2120 **UTC** on 6955 **kHz** in the USB **mode**.

from the desk of the Managing Editor

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We have bad news and good news this month: As you will read elsewhere in this issue, Chris Lobdell is stepping down as *Veried Response* columnist. Since I have realized that writing the column won't interfere with publishing, I will be taking over the reins again. My sincere thanks to Chris for keeping the typist's chair warm during my hiatus from the column. I'll allow you to decide for yourself which is the bad news and which is the good news...

We still don't have a Clandestine editor to replace George Zeller (with or without the torn purple snowsuit); not a single offer. George's column was always filled with good information, and I'll be the first to admit that he'll be a hard act to follow. I suppose we'd better inquire whether there is any interest in such a column; if so, it wouldn't hurt for you to let me know. And if you have the resources along with the interest, maybe you could offer your services? The monthly A*C*E is supposed to cover more than just "pirates", after all; we cover all sorts of unlicensed and unusual transmissions: Clandestines and Spy numbers, even SLBs (single letter beacons) are of interest to us. Escoteric stuff, yes; but serious radio hobbyists want to know what they're hearing no matter what it is.

By the time you read this you (and I) will be as stuffed as the Thanksgiving turkey. Don't get trapped with the football games - make sure to turn on your radio and check out the bands, assuming Sol's continued flatulence doesn't royally mess with propagation. And be sure to report what you hear to the DiaLogs editor, Lee!

Onward!

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DIALOGS December 2003

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(Next deadline for submissions: December 18th, 2003)

LATE LOGS

Grasscutter Radio

- 10/16/03, 0040, 6925U. (WH-IL 154)

UNID

- 10/18/03, 2335, 6950A. (WH-IL 133)

WJAM

- 10/13/03, 0120, 6925A. (WH-IL 254)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Nothing reported!

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

Grasscutter Radio (FRN)

- 10/25/03, 2301, 6925U - mx - Peter Frampton. Predicts that Sunshine Radio will soon be on the air. (AF Good)
- 11/10/03, 0054+, 6950U - mx - Rock. "I'm not your stepping stone!" (MT-WI Poor)
- 11/10/03, 2357-0033, 6925A - mx - Blondie, Devo, The Knack. Greetings to James Brownyard, advertisements for the FRN web site. (RS-OH 544)

Happy Halloween ()

- 11/01/03, 2333-0040, 6925A - mx - "Monster Mash", "Charlie Brown". Heard - "Happy Halloween" and "the mean man is coming!" (WS-TN Good)

James Bond ()

- 10/21/03, 2330-0044, 6925U - Bill Cosby comedy routines. (AF Good)(MT-WI Poor)

Radio Free Texas (General Delivery c/o the Graves, Trinidad, Texas)

- 11/15/03, 0138, 3598L - reading of Psalms. Poor reception on this new time and frequency. (WS-TN Poor)

Radio Pigmeat International (Belfast)

- 11/01/03, 2327, 6950A - Halloween Special, Born Losers, mx w/howling. (AF Fair)

Ragnar Radio (ragnarradio@yahoo.com)

- 10/19/03, 0002-0027, 6955A - mx - Johnny Cash. ID. (WS-TN Poor)

Shadow Radio (the_shadow6950@hotmail.com)

- 11/01/03, 0244-0306+, 6950U - mx - "Transylvania Polka". (WS-TN Fair)(MT-WI Fair)
- 11/16/03, 0310-0339*, 6950U - an episode of "The Shadow", Red Cross PSAs, ID of "Shadow Radio, WSDW, 6950 upper side band. Now back to The Shadow". (RD-PA Poor)

Shorty Longwire (shortylongwire@hotmail.com)

- 10/19/03, 0150-0208, 6952U – mx – Rap. "This is the Shorty Longwire show!" (WS-TN Fair)

Sunshine Radio (FRN)

- 10/25/03, 2305-2322 – mx – "Funny Face", "I'm the Happiest Girl in the Whole USA". (AF Good)

Sycko Radio (None)

- 10/27/03, 0136-0139, 6950U – a phone call from Al Fansome, Uncle Schleckstein visits Pirates all around the USA. (CL-MA 343)

The Voice Of Captain Ron Shortwave (captainron6955@hotmail.com)

- 11/04/03, *0136-0300*, 6925U – mx – Rock, Rage Against The Machine. Moe Howard in there for a second, "By the Way". Moe giving QSL info. We hear about the "Cardboard Box of Death" once again. (AF Fair)(RS-OH 333)(RD-PA Good)

Undercover Radio (undercoverradio@mail.com)

- 10/24/03, 0214-0229, 6950U – mx – Spacey. IDs. (MT-WI Fair)
- 10/24/03, 2335-2344, 6925U – mx – Spacey. (WH-IL 143)
- 10/26/03, 0103, 6925U – mx – Halloween-type. (WH-IL 133)
- 10/26/03, 0200, 6950U – spooky programming. (WH-IL 133)
- 11/03/03, 0250-0342, 6925U – mx – Rock. Talk. ID @ 0334. (MT-WI Poor)
- 11/08/03, 2204-2250+, 6925U – Doctor Benway and Bill Burroughs talk. Mention of Commander Bunny. Possible repeat of July Fourth broadcast. (CL-MA 333)

United Patriot Militia Bingo (Merlin)

- 10/23/03, 0100-0104, 6925U – mx – "Bingo" song. ID, QSL info. (MT-WI Fair)

WHYP (whyp6925@yahoo.com)

- 10/19/03, 0013-0056*, 6925A – mx – Rock. The Lunar Eclipse Special with appearances by Partial India Radio personnel. Bozo is interviewed. (CL-MA 343)

WMPR (FRN)

- 10/19/03, 0050, 6925A – mx – Technopop. (WH-IL 143)
- 10/28/03, 0135-0155+, 6925A – mx – Technopop with Halloween SFX mixed in. (CL-MA 232)

TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

UNID

- 10/26/03, 0025, 6925U – mx – Bobby Pickett. (WH-IL 133)
- 11/01/03, 2256, 6925A – mx – Mike Oldfield, "X-Files" and "Twilight Zone" themes. (AF Good)
- 11/02/03, 0000-0010, 6925A – mx – "Werewolf of London", "Purple People Eater". (WH-IL 133)
- 11/02/03, 0124-0131*, 6925A – mx – "Timewarp", "Love Potion Number Nine", "Spooky Little Girl". Some fading until QRT. (Pse QSL BS-AL)
- 11/03/03, 2350-0135*, 6925U – mx – Elvis. Switched to Grand Ole Opry recording, ended with Christmas Music, possibly by Nat King Cole. (RS-OH 555)
- 11/10/03, 0042, 6950U – a mention of reward money, "I am a man of my word", "American currency" and "\$1000 reward". (WS-TN Poor)

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TEN (and TWENTY) YEARS AFTER...

December 1983 ACE was 20 pages with a QSL from The Crystal Ship on the cover (wonder whatever happened to them?). DiaLogs was 6 pages, including 2 NAM MW, 2 NAM FM, 9 NAM SW, 1 Euro (Dublin), 8 Clandestines, and 8 unIDs contributed by 17 reporters - AND a Euro report from Podney Sixe.

December 1993 ACE was 28 pages with a WLIS QSL on the cover. DiaLogs was 14 (!) pages, including 45 NAM SW, 5 Euros, and 55 (almost 3 full pages!!) unIDs contributed by at least 21 reporters.

RAMBLINGS

First and foremost, thanks to the good folks who sent in logs. Sure as heck couldn't do it without ya!

Well, that was a funny month - first of all propagation went down the tubes and stayed there (as I type this there's still pretty poor radio weather under way), then Halloween activity was way down from even last year's. Add in somewhat fewer folks sending in logs and it makes for a fairly thin month. Of course, it could be that the prime mover in all this were all the solar storms - reception was lousy so less was heard and less was reported as a result. Let's see how this month goes.

Don't forget to make a point of listening over the Thanksgiving holiday period; this is another time when Pirate activity should be elevated.

Incidentally, talking about activity, if any of you good folks get QSLs from a station, howsabout dropping the editor of the Veries column a note? He's been getting very, very few reports of late. (I'd generate some for him except that most of my spare time goes into writing a column on Pirate radio instead of listening, so I don't send out reports that'll generate QSLs I can tell him about...ironic....)

Mark Taylor sent info giving the new address for all stations that previously used the SRS Sweden mail service -

SRS

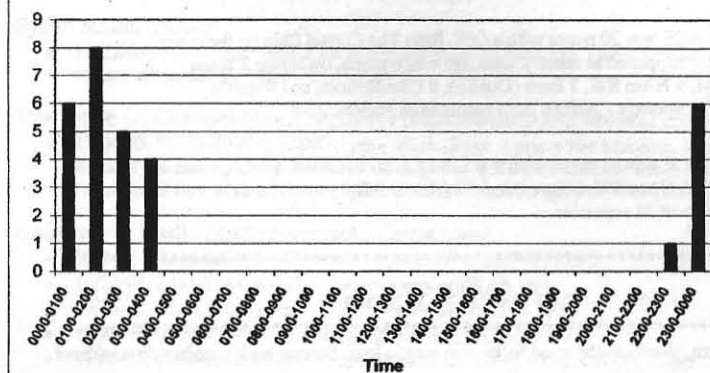
- station name -
Ostra Porten 49
44254 Ytterby
Sweden
(The street number changed.)

Hm; talking about not having time, I finally have all the pieces for the random length wire together - the MLB, coax, 28GA galvanized steel wire, insulators, etc. All I need now is the time and energy to hang the bugger up. I'm starting to suffer badly from not having SW radio in the new home...

STATISTICS

Well, I was going to work up some UTC stats this month on activity but then I realized that I'd wind up not only having to remember to convert from UTC to Eastern and then derive the data for the day of week activity but that I'd also have to juggle stuff even

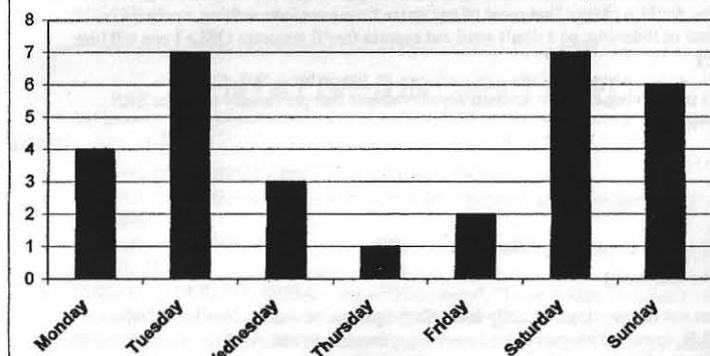
Pirate Activity by UTC Hour



more to allow for the clocks being turned forward on the last weekend of October. So, these are based upon the UTC day and time – remember to convert when reading 'em!

As usual, late Friday, late Saturday are biggies, Sunday night is good, too.

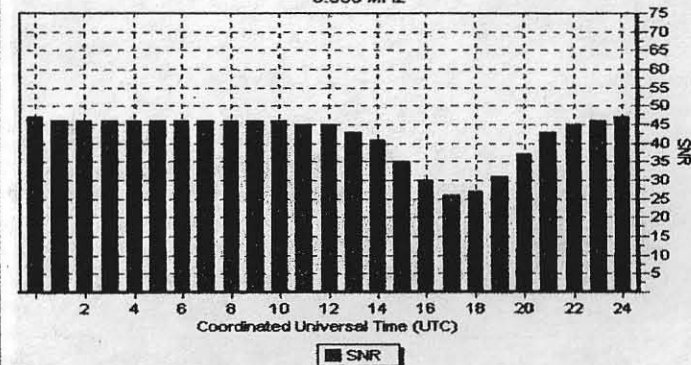
Pirate Activity by UTC Day



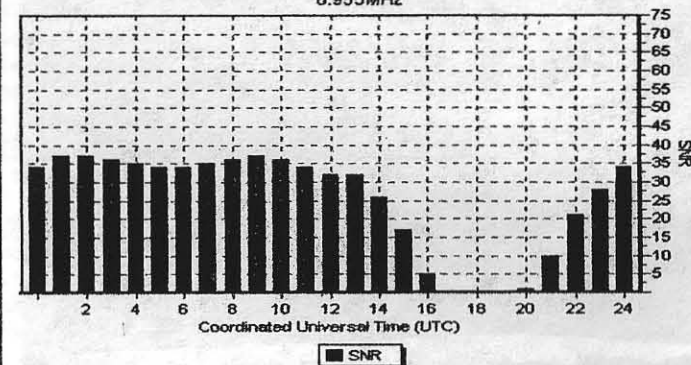
PROPAGATION

Okay, standard intra-US tables for East Coast – Mid West – West Coast propagation. Let's hope that the sun quiets down a bit during this period.

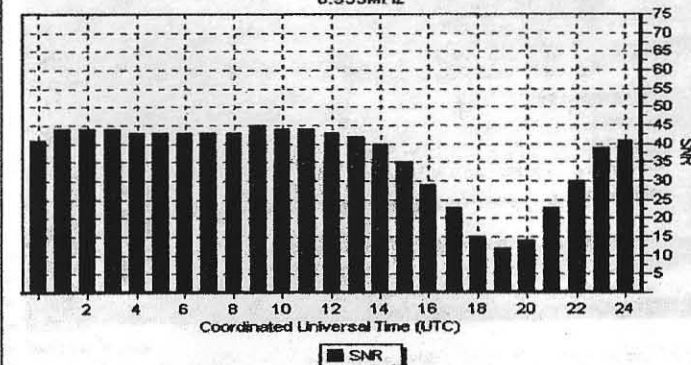
Dec. 2003 SSN: 60 K: N/A Philadelphia, PA to Kansas City, KS
6.955 MHz



Dec. 2003 SSN: 60 Philadelphia, PA to Los Angeles, CA
6.955MHz



Dec. 2003 SSN: 60 Kansas City, KS to Los Angeles, CA
6.955MHz



VERIED RESPONSE

CHRIS LOBDELL

!IMPORTANT NOTICE!

This is the last Veried Response that I will be editing. All future columns of VR are going to be done by Ye Publisher, John T. Arthur, so send your future contributions to him at his Belfast, NY, address or via email to: [jart@localnet.com](mailto:jtart@localnet.com).

I've enjoyed doing the column but I think the combination of VR with the publisher's ramblings will save space.

CRMP-CRAMP RADIO. Full data card #0 for "pre-sign on test transmission" in about 6 weeks for a report to the ACE. Card gave detailed description of the station "dedicated to the ghoulish punkabilly sounds of Lux Interior and Poison Ivy". Mailed in Canada with huge Canadian stamps. [Smith-TN]

ENJOY RADIO-HOLLAND. Full data Holland cow pasture card in about 1 month for \$2.00. [Smith-TN]

KIPM. Full data "Existentialistic Pirate Radio QSL" in 2 months plus CDs. [Smith-TN] QSL #949 with magician and white rabbit and QSL #916 [same as Woody's] Sent CD of Alan Maxwell's talking mushroom, list of thirty past show titles in 57 days. [Elsen-CA]

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by: Chris Lobdell

I'm relying on you, the fans of free radio, to help keep this up-to-date, so look it over and send me any corrections or additions that you know of! Thanks.

KEY:

BC = broadcast or broadcasting
FR = Free Radio
ot = of the
mx = music
R = Radio
RF = Radio Free
Intl = International

WRV RADIO VIRUS

The Station Nobody Wants To Catch

TO: John T. Arthur
DATE: 4/9/1994
UTC: 00:10 TO 00:12
FREQ: 7465 KHz AM

Printed on recycled paper

Sincerely,
Pete The Pirate

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progressive free radio for N.A.C.R.N.

Confirming Reception:

date 9-12-88 time 012 UTC freq 7465 kHz

ant INV. V pwr 50W mode AM3

Pete The Pirate

Svc = Service
Vo = Voice of
Vot = Voice of the
Vox = Voice
WW = Worldwide

Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711:

Ironman Radio, Puxatawnee Pothead Radio, R Azteca, RF Euphoria, RF Speech, R Marabu (Germany), R. Pigmeat Intl, R USA, Take It Easy R, Vot Runaway Maharishi, Vox America, Vot Angry Bastard, VUDU Radio WBIG, WDRR,

Box 69, Elkhorn, NE 68022:

KIFM, Mystery Science Radio, WAIR, Voice A Da Tiki, Vo The Abnormal, The Purple Nucleus Of Creation, Radio Time Machine

Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214:

CKLW, CSIC, East Coast Beer Drinker, Free Hope Experience, Ground Zero R., He Man R, R Cochiguaz, R Marabu, R Neptune Universal Svc, R Pirana Intl, Vot Purple Pumpkin, WLIS.

Box 293, Merlin, ONT NOP 1W0, Canada:

Blind Faith R, CSIC, Happy Hanukkah, Laser Hot Hits, R Gemini, R. Marabu, R Merlin Intl, R Toronto, Vo Juliet, Vo Free Radio Indiana, Undercover Radio, United Patriot Militia Bingo

Box 422, Wellsville, NY 14895:

WDRR 100.9FM and short wave, WVFR, Radio Smog, Ugly Dougling Radio, Vo Indigestion, Real Free Radio AM600, 104.9FM, The E.H. Pirate Relay Service, R Garbanzo-[forward only].

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Southern Music R

Box 3103, Onekawa, Napier, NZ:

KIWI (NZ), R G'day (AU), Radio Sue (NZ), Radio Eureka Intl [AU]

Box 11522, Huntsville, AL 35814:

Vo Bizarro World, WFN

Box 28413, Providence, RI 02908:

Harold Krishna's Mx Svc, Indira Calling, Partial India R, R Eclipse, Scream ot Butterfly, Vot Runaway Maharishi, WHYP, WMFQ, Lounge Lizard Radio

Many thanks to reporters Rudy Elsen of Castro Valley, CA and Woody Smith of Knoxville, TN. Don't forget to support JTA next month!

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